should afterwards be denied, but wrote a letter, signed with his own hand

The next day the Duke removed from Corlay to St Gilles, less than two leagues from Chateau Laudran, whither the Prince de Dombes moved with his army and encamped There the trumpeter of the Duke met the trumpeter of the Prince and delivered the Duke's answer, signed with his own hand, which was that he would be ready with his army on the Thursday following at ten o'clock in the morning in the fittest place for action between Corlay and Guingcamp , and if the Prince should refuse this offer, he should show the world that his actions were not answerable to his brags

Whereupon the Prince sent this reply, couched in such terms as to give the Duke all provocation possible to force him to give battle

[6] The Prince de Dombes, Governor of Dauphme, Lieutenant General for the King in his Army in Brittany,

Having seen the answer of Duke Mercoeur of the eighth of this month signed with his own hand, upon the offer made of the day and place of battle to be given, saith He was sent into this province to chastise and punish those that have traitorously rebelled against the King, of whom the said Duke, being chief, doth manifest how he shameth and feareth the presence of the said Prince and the pain and punishment of his rebellion and in regard of the lewd imputations given by his answer to the King, and to the said Prince, he saith he heth, and shall he as often as he shall say so

At the Camp at Chateau Laudran, the ninth of June, 1591 *

The cartel was sent by a trumpeter and delivered to the Duke in the presence of many of the principal men of his army

The Duke, being greatly moved, openly vowed a solemn oath to offer battle to the Pnnce within three days On the gth June (which was Wednesday) he moved his camp to Quenelac, a village about a league and a half from Chateau Laudran, situated at the foot of a high hill which by deep hedges, ditches, and inclosures, confronted a little heath of two miles' compass As soon as he heard of the enemy's approach the Prince mounted on